

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing a sub-page of a website to a requesting client comprising the steps of:

sending to the client, with a copy of a first web page, a link which points to an address of a server on which a copy of the sub-page is hosted;

actuating the link; and

displaying, at the client by way of a browser, an alias for the address of the server on which the copy of the sub-page is hosted,

wherein the alias is an address of a web page which is to serve the client, and

wherein the alias is automatically displayed by the browser without user input.

2. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein a plurality of links are provided, each pointing to a different address, and each different address being an address of a different server on which a copy of the sub-page is hosted.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the alias is an address of a server which is adapted to translate the alias into an address of a server on which a copy of the sub-page is hosted.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the alias is displayed on a graphical user interface of a program running on the client which is adapted to enable user navigation of the Internet, and wherein the alias corresponds to a first URL that is different from a second URL corresponding to the address of the server on which the copy of the sub-page is hosted.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2 further comprising the steps of:

(a) determining, on the basis of a predetermined criterion, whether actuation of the link has been successful in obtaining the sub-page;

(b) if not, actuating another of the links; and

repeating steps (a) and (b) until the first to occur of: all of the links have been

actuated; and actuation of a link has been successful in accordance with the predetermined criterion.

6. (Original) A method according to claim 5 wherein the alias displayed is the same for each of the links actuated.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 5 wherein the predetermined criterion is whether, within a predetermined period of time, a predetermined step in a process of establishing connection with a server has been reached.

8. (Original) A method according to claim 7 wherein the predetermined step is completion of a connection with a server.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2 further comprising the steps of:

actuating each of the links simultaneously;
on the basis of a predetermined criterion, selecting one of the actuated links, and terminating all of the others.

10. (Original) A method according to claim 9 wherein the predetermined criterion is the greatest progress in establishing full connection with one of the servers after a specified interval of time following simultaneous actuation of all links.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a web server to provide a sub-page of a website to a requesting client, comprising the steps of:

receiving, from a client via a browser, a request for a first web page hosted on the server;

sending to the client, with the first page, a link which points to an address within the Internet of a further server hosting a copy of the sub-page; and

sending with the first web page instructions which are executable upon actuation of the link to cause a browser program to display an alias of the address of the further server,

wherein the alias of the address of the further server is different from the address of further server,

wherein the alias is an address of the further server which is to serve the client, and

wherein the alias is automatically displayed by the browser without user input.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 11 wherein a plurality of links are sent to the client with the first page, each pointing to a different predetermined address within the Internet, each predetermined address being an address of a further server hosting a copy of the sub-page, and the instructions are executable upon actuation of each link.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 11, wherein the alias is an address of a server adapted to translate the alias to an address of one of the further servers.

14. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 12 further comprising the step of sending, in conjunction with the plurality of links, further instructions actuatable upon actuation of one of the links to:

(a) determine on the basis of a predetermined criterion, whether actuation of the link has been successful in obtaining the sub-page;

(b) if not, to actuate another of the links; and

repeat steps (a) and (b) until the first to occur of: all of the links have been actuated; and actuation of a link has been successful in accordance with the predetermined criterion.

15. (Original) A method according to claim 14 wherein the links are actuated in a predetermined order established prior to dispatch from the web server.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 15 wherein the alias displayed is the same for each of the links actuated.

17. (Original) A method according to claim 15 wherein the predetermined criterion is whether, within a predetermined period of time, a predetermined step in a process of establishing connection with a further server has been reached.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 17 wherein the predetermined step is completion of a connection with a further server.

19. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11 further comprising the step of sending, in conjunction with the plurality of links, further instructions, actuatable upon actuation of one of the links to:

actuate each of the links simultaneously;

select, on the basis of a predetermined criterion, one of the actuated links, and

terminate all of the others.

20. (Original) A method according to claim 19 wherein the predetermined criterion is the greatest progress in establishing full connection with one of the further servers after a specified interval of time following simultaneous actuation of all links.

21. (Currently Amended) A web server adapted to respond to a request from a client via a browser by sending to the client a copy of a first web page and to include with the first web page a plurality of links each of which points to a different predetermined address within the Internet, each predetermined address being an address of a further server, the web server being adapted to send with the first web page and in response to said request, instructions executable, upon actuation of one of the plurality of links, to instruct a browser program in the client to display an alias of the predetermined address, wherein the alias of each of the predetermined addresses is the same, and wherein the alias is different from any of the predetermined addresses, wherein the alias is an address of a web page of the further server which is to serve the client, and wherein the alias is automatically displayed by the browser without user input.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of obtaining a sub-page from a website comprising the steps of:

requesting from a web server a copy of a first web page;

actuating a link on the first web page which points to an address within the Internet of a further server hosting a copy of the sub-page; and

actuating code associated with the link to cause a browser program to display an alias of the address of the further server, wherein the alias corresponds to a first URL that is different from a second URL corresponding to the address of the further server on which the copy of the sub-page is hosted, wherein the alias is an address of a web page of the further server which is to serve the client, and wherein the alias is automatically displayed by a browser without user input.

23. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2, wherein the sending step comprises:

displaying, based on a random selection, which of the plurality of links is to be actuated when the link on the first web page is selected by a user at the client.

24. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 23, further comprising:

sending, to a second client, a copy of the first web page with a link which points to the address of another server on which the copy of the sub-page is hosted;

actuating the link sent to the second client; and

displaying, at the second client, a second alias for the address of the another server on which the copy of the sub-page is hosted,

wherein the second alias of the another server is the same as the alias of the server, and

wherein the address of the another server is different from the address of the server.